

THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1889.

Will the Expenses be Increased?

It is urged by some against the adoption of the new form of township government, that it will greatly increase the township expense and add materially to the taxes which it is considered are already heavy enough. This increase in expense has been placed by certain expounders of the new law as high as twenty thousand dollars. To hold that there will be any material increase in the size of our tax bills involves either total ignorance or a careless inspection of the new law.

The only officers provided for by the new law and not already provided for in existing laws are four additional commissioners, a recorder, one additional commissioner of appeal, three additional members of the school board, three commissioners of assessment, a chief of police, some additional constables and two additional free-holders.

The present salary of town commissioners is about sixty dollars a year. There would therefore be an increase of say two hundred and fifty dollars for salaries of town commissioners. It is not at all likely that the new commissioners would receive any more compensation than the old. Moreover the new commissioners are urgently demanded by reason of the fact that within the last ten years the work devolving upon the Township Committee has more than quadrupled. This increase of expense, therefore, should be charged up, not against the new system, but against the increase of population and the rapid development of the township.

The recorder would receive no compensation out of the pockets of taxpayers. The makers will look after that.

One extra commissioner of appeal will add but an infinitesimal amount of expense, and there is no reason in the nature of things why the expenses of the new school board should be any greater than those of the old.

The chief of police, under the new law, would probably be someone exercising the same powers as the present chairman of the Police Committee, and many good volunteers could in that case be readily found; and he would be some reliable man among the policemen who would, no doubt, be perfectly willing to take command of the rest of the force, without addition to his regular compensation as a policeman, for the sake of the additional dignity and authority. In any case there would be nothing paid to the chief of police unless the needs of the township demanded of him extra work, and in that case the extra expense would be as before chargeable not to the new system but to the growing needs of the township. The new constable would add nothing to the expense.

With regard to the freeholders, it would require so many decimals to express the increase which they would make in the size of our tax levy, that our supply of type does not permit of the attempt.

In the light of these facts we fail to discover where any considerable addition to our expenses is to come from. In addition to the officers mentioned above, commissioners of assessment will doubtless receive a small compensation, and there will doubtless be in addition small incidental expenses growing out of the new form of government, but after a careful inspection we are convinced that from five hundred to a thousand dollars will cover everything for a long time to come, and furthermore that whatever additional expense is incurred will be due in reality, not at all to a new form of administration, but to the increased demands which our increased population and increased privileges make upon us.

The Firemen's Relief Association.

At present there are in the State seventy-four branches of this Association instituted for the purpose of extending relief to active firemen who may have become disabled in exercise of their duties. The Association is supported, by Act of the Legislature, through a tax of two (2) per cent on all business written in the State, by companies foreign to the State. This is paid to the individual Associations in two ways, either pro rata from the Secretary of State, or directly by the companies or their agents to the Treasurers of the various branches. At present it is paid to the Treasurers by the Secretary of State, the pro rata is one-seventy-fourth of the income.

Take our town of Bloomfield with its business on manufacturing and dwelling risks that is done through our local agents; if the two per cent was entirely turned over to our Treasurer it would increase our receipts at least four fold; if these same amounts find their way to the Secretary of State we get but our proportion, one-seventy-fourth. To put it in figures, if the two per cent on the business done amounted to \$148 per year and the agents accounted to us for it, it would come intact into our treasury, but if that goes through the Secretary of State our proportion would be but two dollars. It is true we get a proportion from all parts of the State, but we know that all the other towns are better taken care of by

their local agents seeing the percentage goes direct to their individual branches.

It costs nothing extra to the insured, it is nothing out of the local agent or broker's pocket, it is merely a tax on foreign companies doing business in our State. Take our fire companies. Do they not do their duty fearlessly, do they not show results of their alertness and judgment? All we ask in return is that you assist us to increase our fund, at no extra cost to you, so that if misfortune overtake us we can have a partial remedy. This fund is carefully guarded and what we have now is well invested, but we must make it grow, anticipating a dark day.

When you insure, be certain that your agent is one who makes his returns to our Treasurer; ask him if he does, and if he finds excuses for not doing so then find one who will look to your town's interests. Not only do this in your own case but influence your relations, friends and neighbors.

J. BARKER, President.
F. G. TOWER, Secretary.
WM. B. CHAMBERS, Treasurer.

The School Lecture Course.

Our citizens are soon to listen to an historical paper from Gen. Stryker of Trenton, who since the war has been the Adjutant General of our State. This gentleman has during all these years done much to preserve the records of New Jersey. He has published a unique record of all Jerseymen who took part in the Revolutionary War and he has also lately compiled two large volumes of the Soldiers of the State in the Civil War. His paper is the study of the events of the War of Independence, but he has just contributed an article in reference to the Siege of Charleston during the rebellion which has been published by the Century Company among their celebrated War Papers. The old soldiers hereabouts will greet him cordially, for they remember the message of Governor Abbott where he accorded him praise for rushing into the burning State House at Trenton and at the peril of life, rescuing from destruction the old flags of the N. J. Regiments—so greatly prized by all of them.

The above will form the first in the course of lectures arranged for by the teachers and friends of the Bloomfield Public School. It will be given on Friday evening next, the 18th inst., at 8 o'clock, in the Sunday-school room of the First Presbyterian Church. Three other lectures will follow: February 1st by Prof. Frank L. Nason, of Rutgers College. His subject: "The Elements of a New Language." February 15th, by Dr. T. O'Connor, of New York City, "Instruction in Science." March 1st, by Hon. Courtland Parker, of Newark. Subject: "Abraham Lincoln."

The price of course tickets is one dollar; admission to single lectures 35 cents.

Investment Insurance Argument.

A. and B. (aged 35) have each a yearly cash balance of \$350.
A. deposits his in Life Insurance.
B. deposits his in a Savings Bank.
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A's estate receives \$10,000. B's estate receives only \$350 plus one year's interest.
II. Both live through the twenty years.
The Insurance Company returns A's deposits with compound interest (so that his \$10,000 insurance costs him nothing); or it gives him a paid-up policy for nearly, if not quite, double the amount of his first policy; or it gives him his dividends for the period in cash, and a paid-up for the amount of his first policy. The Bank returns B's deposits with compound interest, but assumes no guarantee of assurance during the twenty years.
A's deposits always protect his family.
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THOMAS OAKES, Chairman.

EDWARD F. FARRAND, Township Clerk.

Bloomfield, N. J., Jan. 7, 1889.

Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Reward of Ten Dollars is offered for the arrest and conviction of any person, or persons, breaking windows or doing other damage with Slings-Shots. By order of the Township Committee.

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Attest: E. F. FARRAND, Clerk.

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